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TAGS: PINT, PO
SUBJECT: PS AND CDS NEAR AGREEMENT ON NEW SOARES-LED GOP

SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO THE CDS VICE PRESIDENT THE PS AND
CDS HAVE AGREED ON A FORMULA FOR A NEW GOP IN WHICH THE TWO
PARTIES WILL PARTICIPATE. MATTERS COULD BE WRAPPED UP SOON.
THE CDS EXPECTS THAT THE PSD WILL FIND ITSELF OBLIGED TO
COME ALONG. END SUMMARY.

1. CDS VICE PRESIDENT AMARO DA COSTA EVENING OF DECEMBER
16 CONFIRMED TO DCM AND ME THAT CDS TALKS WITH SOCIALISTS HAD
GONE EXTREMELY WELL. AGGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON THE
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WORDING OF A FORMULA FOR THE GOVERNMENT: "A MAJORITY
GOVERNMENT OF PERSONALITIES FORMED AT PS INITIATIVE." IN THE
BARGAINING THE CDS HAD SUCCEEDED IN SOFTENING THE PS POSITION
BY ELIMINATING ANY REFERENCE TO INDEPENDENTS, SUBSTITUTING
"PERSONALITIES" INSTEAD. ALSO THE PHRASE "PS RESPONSIBILITY"
HAD BEEN SOFTENED TO "PS INIATIVE."

2. THE CDS PLANNED ONE MORE WORKING MEETING WITH THE PS ON DECEMBER 18. THEN MATTERS WOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF SOARES AND CDS PRESIDENT FREITAS DO AMARAL. THE CDS WAS WELL PLEASED WITH PROGRESS, WAS PARTICULARLY SATISFIED THAT EANES WAS ENGAGED SINCE THAT GAVE THEM A CERTAIN BACKING WITH THE ELECTORATE FOR THEIR COOPERATION WITH THE PS AND THOUGHT MATTERS MIGHT BE WRAPPED UP BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

3. AMARO DA COSTA SAID THE CDS HAD ALSO MET EXTENSIVELY WITH THE PSD. HE FELT THE PSD WAS EVOLVING INTO AN ULTRA-NATIONALIST PARTY WHOSE POLICIES COULD PROVE DAMAGING TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST. SA CARNEIRO WAS STILL THE POWER IN THE PSD BUT SOUSA FRANCO WAS TRYING TO EXERT SOME INDEPENDENCE. IN ANY EVENT AMARO DA COSTA THOUGHT THAT IF THE PS AND CDS WRAPPED UP THEIR AGREEMENT THE PSD WOULD BE OBLIGED TO COME ALONG IN SPITE OF ITSELF. IF IT DIDN'T THE CDS WAS PREPARED TO GO AHEAD ANYWAY AND WAS PLANNING A STRONG DEFENSE AGAINST ANTICIPATED ATTACKS FROM THE PSD.

4. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, IT IS INTERESTING TO RECALL THAT WELL BEFORE THE VOTE SOARES TOLD ME HE THOUGHT THE CDS MIGHT RISE TO THE OCCASION ONCE HE HAD DEMONSTRATED DRAMATICALLY THROUGH THE CONFIDENCE MOTION WHAT WAS AT STAKE. THE CDS HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY HAVE ALSO FORCED SOME CONCESSIONS OUT OF SOARES THAT HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE BEFORE THE VOTE.
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THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE FROM THE CDS PERSPECTIVE IS EMBODIED IN THE PHRASE "MAJORITY GOVERNMENT" WHICH MEANS, IN AMARO DA COSTA'S WORDS THAT "THE PS CAN NO LONGER PRACTICE ITS POLICY OF POLITICAL ADULTERY."
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